

SENTIMENT GROWS FOR SALES TAX IN NEW REVENUE LAW

Smoot and Watson Indorse Plan, Though Differing on Methods.

FARMERS WON OVER

People Generally Are Being Converted to Scheme, Is Result of Inquiry.

WOULD CUT U. S. EXPENSES

Cost of Collection Would Be Lowest of All Taxes on Federal Statutes.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
New York Herald Bureau,
Washington, D. C., March 20.

There is a growing opinion in Congress that a tax on sales will be one of the features of the law to be passed by the special session for revision of the revenue system. That is the belief of Senator Smoot (Utah), who has practically completed a draft of such a tax for presentation early in the April meeting. Senator Watson (Ind.) is also impressed with the soundness of a tax on sales, although he differs as to the method by which it should be imposed. There is found to be more objection to the so-called "turn over" sales tax, which would collect a portion of the revenue each time an article changes hands on its way from the producer to the consumer, than there is on a system which would apply the tax but once.

In anticipation of early revenue revision many organizations throughout the country now are advocating the sales tax.

A good many organizations of farmers, which have been unfriendly to the sales tax in former agitation of tax laws, now have adopted the view that it is a fair and equitable system compared with most of the other policies suggested.

"A sales tax is not free from difficulties," said Senator Watson today. "I notice that this National Tax Association editorially that such a tax ought to be imposed, and I am glad for that commendation. The difficulties it involves are not so great or so embarrassing to the taxpayers as those inevitably connected with the present system of taxation."

"We want to have taxes that will bring least disturbance to business and industry, and I am convinced a sales tax is the best to adopt."

Senator Watson is to confer with Senator Penrose at an early date on the question of the sales tax and other suggested forms of meeting the revenue needs.

"I believe to-day that over half the American people are converted to a sales tax, which is a remarkable change in the sentiment which existed three years ago when it was being seriously proposed," said Mr. Smoot today. "I have here (pointing to a stack of papers and clippings on his desk) a mass of resolutions and articles favorable to this tax, which prove that a great majority of the business interests would welcome it."

"We can make the administration features so simple that the cost of collection will be almost nil. If you want to tax wholesalers and manufacturers on sales, for instance, they can make monthly reports and the Government will know exactly what they receive monthly, just as a bank knows. It is a just, equitable and with the lowest cost of collection of any tax that can be imposed on the American people."

As a sample of some of the communications he received regarding the sales tax, Senator Smoot referred to the following quotation from one letter: "One year more of the present tax will turn every small manufacturer into an auditor or a lawyer. I know some small manufacturers who have totally abandoned the operation of their business and are giving their entire time the problem of their taxation. Their energies are entirely diverted from production. America is paying a price for this, for such corporations have been the great bulk of American commerce. The waste of energy is perfectly enormous and is showing in the commercial depression now existing throughout the country."

CHEESE THEY ATE, EGGS FLEW IN MIMIC WAR

Boys Scorn H. C. L. With Loot From Freight Cars.

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PITTSBURGH, March 20.—A new form of juvenile delinquency in which looting of freight cars and stealing of foodstuffs, later demolished with cheerful abandon in a realistic battle, Magistrate Dewolf reprimanded the boys and held them all for juvenile court action.

Testimony at the hearing indicated that a freight car was broken into with a view to obtaining provisions for a feast. The only thing available in the car that appealed to most of the boys was cheese. They stuffed themselves with that. Then, with appetites appeased, the culprits began pelting each other with cheese. The boys had an exciting time till the stock of cheese ran out. Then butter was used. Crates of eggs were next. The eggs provided the most satisfactory ammunition of all. They were easy to throw, and even if a bulletproof failed to score a direct hit, the impact always resulted in a most efficacious splash. Telltale streaks of yellow offered testimony of the carnage.

KANSAS CITY BOTTOMS AFIRE.

Four Hurt in \$240,000 Blaze Covering Five Acres.

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KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 20.—Five acres of fire in the west bottoms early last night caused a loss of \$240,000, was watched by 10,000 persons and resulted in injuries, not dangerous, to four men. The fire started of unknown origin in a building of the Sonken Galambas Iron and Metal Company, Inc. That concern's property covered about three and a half acres of the total fire area.

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LAUREL, Del., March 20.—Archibald Moore, 17, son of Mrs. Annie Green, and Cecil Ingram, 18, son of James Ingram, were drowned in Laurel River here in a yawning when a boat in which they were rowing upset. Their bodies were recovered.

HOTTEST MARCH 20 USHERS IN SPRING FOR THE CITY

Nature in Green Garb, Children Disporting on Grass, Topcoatless Grownups and Invasion of Coney Island Mark Winter's Windup.

Springtime made a nocturnal of it yesterday, arriving at 10:51 P. M., Eastern Standard time, escorted across the equatorial line by the dazzling sky lady Venus, the brightest planet in the sky these nights. A post spring temperature of 70 came with the vernal girl, and if she had elected to show up in the early afternoon, she would have felt quite comfortable, as the mercury then was away up at the summer height of 74, the highest temperature on record for the date. There has been only one other warmer March day—back in 1910.

Even if most of the multitude that came out in the open spaces had not read their almanacs and did not know the vernal equinox was close at hand, they felt it ought to be. Spring overcoats were left on hooks or dangled in arms, and many women took vent into their flimsy Easter dress. All the parks made a fine showing of greenward, made more vivid by the heat of the sun, and children had fun not keeping off the grass.

The procession of automobiles that went to the beach suggested the traffic of a summer day, and the throngs that

went to the shore in subway, elevated and trolley cars broke all records for the date. Down at the Battery there was not a park bench seat left for anybody at noon, and standing room was limited. The Liberty Island ferry boats had to stop urging folk to cross to the Statue because all the room aboard the boat was taken after the first few bursts of eloquence. Somebody down in Washington considered the weather men here to "hoist southwest storm warnings," suspecting that a rip-roaring gale, a regular equatorial blast, was coming this way. Well, for a little while, just a few minutes, there was a forty mile blow registered by the anemometer away up on top of the Whitehall Building about 6 in the evening. Just before that the western sky got pretty black and there was a sputter of rain that lasted a few minutes and was officially designated as a "trace." But that forty mile blow was not felt to any extent by folk down in the street. It was a pretty mild spring zephyr compared with some real March scorchers. It will continue to be warm to-day, perhaps even warmer than 74, and later the temperature may adjust itself to normal March realities.

HARRY BLACK CASE TO GO TO U. S. JURY

Florida District Attorney Says Charge Will Be Pressed in Liquor Seizure.

TAMPA, Fla., March 20.—Charges of conspiracy to violate the Volstead act will be pressed against Harry S. Black, New York multi-millionaire, and his two negro employees before the Federal Grand Jury, Herbert S. Phillips, United States District Attorney for the southern Florida district, announced here to-day. Black was arrested last week after Federal prohibition agents had raided his private car and seized fifty-five cases of liquor. He later was released after the negro porter on the car had testified that the liquor was placed aboard the car without Mr. Black's knowledge.

District Attorney Phillips said to-day that the Grand Jury would meet in Miami the last Monday in April to take up the case.

MIAMI, March 20.—Harry S. Black, re-arrested last night in West Palm Beach, under the State liquor laws, on orders from Gov. Hardee, was released to-day when Edward C. Romfh, president of the First National Bank of Miami, and Theodore G. Houser, trustee of the same bank, appeared and shied their personal bond of \$10,000 for Black and \$10,000 for the negro porter employed on Black's private Pullman car.

Gov. Hardee yesterday telegraphed Sheriff Allen of Dade county asking information as to the disposition of the case and in a later message informed the Sheriff that he did not exonerate him under the State laws. The Sheriff at once swore out warrants for Black and his porter and wired the West Palm Beach authorities to hold the millionaire. Black supplied a cash bond of \$20,000 for himself and porter. This bond will be returned to him, being automatically cancelled by that of the Miami bankers.

Black and his car returned to Miami this morning. When he appears in Cocanut Grove Police Court to-morrow he will face a charge of storing liquor in a shack near here on Biscayne Bay, said to be owned by him.

EXCITED AT IDEA OF BEER IN SODA GLASS

Tell Why Fountains Never Shall Be Desecrated.

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Wayne E. Wheeler, general counsel of the Anti-Saloon League, became much excited to-day over a recent joking remark attributed to former Attorney-General Palmer that beer—the real stuff—might soon be sold at soda fountains.

As a matter of fact, Mr. Palmer made no such prediction and Mr. Wheeler admits the improbability of his having been correctly quoted, but that does not prevent the Anti-Saloon attorney from referring to the statement as "astounding" and using it as an excuse for a dissertation on Mr. Palmer's opinion that beer might be prescribed as a medicine under proper regulations.

"Give if part of the former opinion is good law and beer may be prescribed as a medicine," said Mr. Wheeler, "the laws says no physician shall prescribe liquor unless after careful examination of the emergencies upon the best information obtainable; no prescription shall be filled more than once and each prescription shall be marked cancelled when filled. A complete record alphabetically arranged must be kept in a book prescribed by the Commissioner. It must show date of issue, amount prescribed, the purpose or ailment for which it is used and directions for use and the amount and frequency of the dose. The Commissioner is required to prepare the forms and these only can be used."

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THREE DIE IN MOTOR MISHAPS IN JERSEY

Two Woman Pedestrians Are Run Down; Skidding Car Crushes Occupant.

Three persons were killed and one, a boy, seriously injured in automobile accidents in the suburbs of New York yesterday.

Mrs. Margaret Schwab of Grove street, Ridgewood, was killed by an automobile as she was crossing Grove street and Onderdonk avenue. The automobile was driven by August E. Berner of Catalpa avenue, Ridgewood. He picked up the woman after the accident and took her to the Wyckoff Heights Hospital, where she was pronounced dead.

Elizabeth Green, 15 years old, of 169 North Ninth street, Newark, was run down and killed by an automobile driven by Elmer A. Kimbark of Nutley. The accident occurred near the girl's home. A charge of manslaughter was made against Kimbark.

When the automobile driven by Raymond Malone, six-year-old son of Harry Malone of Tuckahoe road, Yonkers, was taken to St. John's Hospital there last night suffering from a fractured skull. He was knocked off a bicycle by an automobile driven by Police Capt. Cahill of Hill avenue.

The Malone boy was riding near the Call home, where he was killed, when he was struck by the automobile. The latter was about to turn the car when the steering gear locked. The machine dashed upon the sidewalk, and the boy was thrown down. Surgeons who operated on the youth last night said there was a slight chance of recovery.

DRY LAW WOULD GIVE 'CONCERN TO MOSES'

Rabbi Ranson Calls It a Scandal in American Life.

Rabbi Marius Ranson, assistant pastor of Temple Beth-El, in his morning address said yesterday that if Moses were in the White House he would be much concerned over the enforcement of the prohibition law, and would find his ingenuity taxed by a large number of other questions.

"Moses would democratize diplomacy," he said. "The American people demand a frank expression of international aims and purposes. It is impatient with diplomatic secrecy, which it considers the blood legacy of tyrants and despots. It demands the opportunity of discussing and criticizing if necessary the policies of its public servants."

"For this reason the European convention of concealing an international note from its people until it has been received by the nation to whom it is sent must go by the board. America must lead the way toward a bigger, franker and more moral diplomacy in which fair play and the square deal shall be dominant."

Rabbi Ranson did not attempt to say what Moses would do with the prohibition law, but gave his personal opinion that at present it is a scandal in American life, and if not supported by the majority should be repealed. "At the present, it is a disintegrating influence," he said, "for it undermines the morale of the people and their respect for the law."

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THEATRE THRONGS WATCH A CAPTURE

Burglar Alarm in a Vacant Building Brings Police on Run in Broadway.

DRINKING, SAYS PRISONER

Three Arrests on Theft Charge and Chase by Mob Evident Eleventh Avenue.

Two special policemen and six patrolmen from the West Forty-seventh street police station answered a burglar alarm received last night at 8 o'clock by the Holmes Protective Agency from the vacant eight story building in 132-133 West Forty-third street, formerly occupied by the Acker, Merrill & Condit Company. Several hundred of the thousands of persons who packed Broadway in the theatrical district saw the policemen running, and ran after them, not knowing what had happened, but hoping for excitement.

The police found inside the building a man who gave his name as Louis Klein of 74 East 153d street, and who, according to the police, attacked Special Policeman Roy Wallace of the Holmes Agency as Wallace opened the door. Klein told the police that he and several other men had entered the building early in the afternoon to drink some whiskey and shoot craps, and he had gone to sleep. He said he had entered by a door, but the Holmes Agency told the police that all of the doors were sealed. Klein was locked up in the West Forty-seventh street station charged with unlawful entry.

George Ritz of 324 West Forty-seventh street, his brother, Dewey, and Frank McMahon of 627 West Forty-third street, were locked up in the West Forty-seventh street station, charged with assault and robbery, and Dewey Ritz charged with interfering with an officer. The police say that George Ritz and McMahon entered the lunchroom of John Marmonstein in 67 Eleventh avenue last night, and that Ritz stole \$5 from the cash register. Marmonstein ran into the street and blew a police whistle, which attracted the attention of Patrolman McAvoy, who arrested the two men. Dewey Ritz is charged with trying to rescue his brother after McAvoy had left the lunchroom with them.

After Marmonstein had blown the whistle and while Patrolman McAvoy was struggling with George Ritz and McMahon, about twenty men approached the restaurant keeper and told him they were going to "get him" for making so much noise. Marmonstein became frightened and ran up Eleventh avenue, with the crowd at his heels. He dodged into a tenement house, ran into a lavatory on the first floor and locked the door. He remained there until a policeman rescued him half an hour later.

Acting Lieutenant Joseph J. Mooney and Detectives Schimko and Kruger of the narcotic division from Headquarters went into the synagogue in 105 East 103d street yesterday morning and arrested three negroes, all employees of the synagogue, charged with having narcotics in the possession. They were arraigned later before Magistrate Edgaw. F. Frothingham in the Harlem Court, and were held in \$500 bail each for further examination. They gave their names as Ross Martin, janitor of the synagogue; Benjamin Brown, his helper, and Leroy Butler, engineer, of 120 East Ninetieth street.

13 YEARS IN DEATH HOUSE, HIS CHAMPION NOW DEAD

Case of Archibald Heron, Who Was Kept Out of the Chair by Judge Cowenhoven, Assumes a New Phase.

The strange case of Archibald Heron, under death sentence in the New Jersey State Prison for thirteen years, is brought to light by the death in New Brunswick, N. J., last week of former County Judge Charles T. Cowenhoven, dean of the Middlesex county bar. For thirteen years Judge Cowenhoven was Heron's indefatigable champion, and although hundreds of men in Heron's time have walked out of the death house never to return, death has passed by Heron all through the years. His champion blocked every effort made to carry out the sentence of the court.

Archibald Heron was a blacksmith in Metuchen when he went to the house of the Rev. Dr. S. B. D. Prickett on July 15, 1908, and shot Prickett dead. Prickett was an aged man, editor of the Metuchen Recorder and formerly Reformed minister. Heron fled but was captured and placed on trial. Thirteen days after he killed the old preacher he was convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to death in the week beginning September 7, 1908.

Judge Cowenhoven was convinced that the blacksmith was insane and that the State had no right, therefore, to take his life. Gov. Fort reprieved Heron from time to time, until the condemned man had been given all the grace permissible by law. Thereupon Judge Cowenhoven went before Justice Bergen, who had been Heron's trial judge, and obtained an order suspending execution of the judgment of the court. Then the lawyer tried to persuade the Legislature to free Heron by special act. He failed in the effort, but once more he obtained a suspension of execution and eventually secured an indefinite suspension.

A few weeks before Judge Cowenhoven's death he issued the statement that Heron was legally dead and that he intended to apply for a writ of habeas corpus to release the body, and he was confident that he could make the court see the matter as he viewed it.

His death leaves the case in a perplexing situation. The authorities don't know what to do about the condemned man. It is considered probable that Attorney-General McCran will recommend to the court that Heron be sent to the State Hospital for the Criminal Insane. Judge Bergen has maintained an opinion that Heron was insane from the day that the trial started.

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NEGRO IN MISSISSIPPI LYNCHED BY MOB OF 15

Arrested for Woman's Death; Fired on Officers.

HATTIESBURG, Miss., March 20.—Held on a charge of killing a negro woman, Arthur Jennings, negro, was taken from the county jail here early to-day by a number of armed men who overpowered the Sheriff. Later his body was found hanging in a tree on the outskirts of the city.

Jennings, before submitting to arrest after the killing of the negro woman several days ago, fired several shots at the officers, and being against him has been bitter in certain quarters here.

According to Deputy Jailor Horning, a mob of about fifteen men came to the jail about 1:30 o'clock this morning, covered Jailer McKenzie with guns, ordered him to turn out the jail lights and, taking his keys, proceeded to the negro ward of the jail and informed Jennings they were "from Columbia and had come for him."

They placed him in an automobile and quietly proceeded to the spot where the negro's body was found.

2 DEAD, 4 MISSING IN \$1,500,000 ARMOUR BLAST

Grain Elevator Wreck Laid to Spontaneous Combustion.

CHICAGO, March 20.—Two persons are dead and four others are missing as a result of the grain dust explosion which rocked South Chicago last night and wrecked one of the world's largest grain elevators. One body was removed from the debris a few hours after the blast and the second was found to-day.

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